

## ***FIELD CROPS***



### ***HAY***

Alfalfa harvested acreage dropped in 2002 to 260,000 acres. This year's average yield was 5.6 tons per acre, producing 1.46 million tons. The value of production for all hay was the highest on record at \$233 million, a 19 percent increase above last year as the average price increased to \$140 per ton.

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### ***SORGHUM***

New Mexico's sorghum acreage harvested for grain decreased to 80,000 acres compared to 140,000 harvested in 2001. Yields averaged 35 bushels per acre for a total production of 2.8 million bushels compared to the 6.3 million bushels produced a year earlier. The average price increased to \$2.46 per bushel. Total value of production was \$6.9 million, a decrease from the \$13.2 million in 2001. An estimated 7,000 acres were harvested for silage with an average yield of 22 tons per acre producing 154,000 tons overall.

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### ***CORN***

New Mexico's grain corn crop, at 8.8 million bushels, increased slightly from the previous year. Harvested acreage increased to 49,000 acres, 3,000 acres more than 2001. Average yields matched last year's record at 180 bushels per acre. The average price increased to \$2.85 per bushel bringing the value of production to \$25 million, 26 percent above 2001. Corn harvested for silage set another record high surpassing last year's record due to the demand from the growing dairy industry. A total of 82,000 acres was harvested with an average yield of 25 tons per acre. Total production of silage in the state came to 2.1 million tons.

### ***WHEAT***

New Mexico's winter wheat production shifted downward to 3.7 million bushels in 2002. Harvested acreage decreased to 170,000 acres from 240,000 acres. The average yield was 22 bushels per acre, a decrease of 12 bushels per acre from 2001. The value of the wheat crop was \$12.9 million with the average annual price increasing to \$3.45 per bushel.

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### ***PEANUTS***

Peanut acreage decreased to 18,000 acres planted and 18,000 harvested acreage in 2002. Yields dropped slightly from the 2001 record high of 3,020 pounds per acre to 3,000 pounds per acre. Production was 54 million pounds, 13 million pounds below the harvest in 2001. Crop value decreased \$7.1 million to \$10.3 million, with the average price at \$.19 per pound.

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### ***COTTON***

Upland cotton producers harvested 50,000 acres in 2002, 23 percent less than 2001. Yields averaged 816 pounds per acre, 100 pounds lower than the record of 916 pounds per acre set last year. Total production was estimated at 85,000 bales, 31 percent less than a year earlier. The average price increased, averaging \$.52 per pound. Total value also increased to \$25 million. American-Pima harvested acreage, at 7,100 acres, increased 1,900 acres from 2001. Yields, at a record-high 1,041 pounds per acre, raised total production to 15,400 bales. The value of the crop was placed at \$5.4 million with prices averaging \$.803 per pound.